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Title: METHOD OF ALIGNING A SUBSTRATE, COMPUTER PROGRAM, DEVICE  
MANUFACTURING METHOD AND DEVICE MANUFACTURED THEREBY

**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT  
OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

Applicants confirm with appreciation the receipt of the Notice of Allowability for the above-identified application. In reply to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, Applicants note that portions of the Examiner's comments paraphrase claim features and do not accurately represent the actual claim language. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims should be deemed patentable for the actual claim language recited therein. Applicants also respectfully submit that patentability is based on the subject matter of the claims as a whole. That is, the patentability of the claims rests on the combination of recited elements and limitations. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that no one element or limitation in particular should be deemed to impart to or be required for patentability of the claims.

Furthermore, Applicants respectfully submit that the independent claims are all separately patentable from each other and are patentable for the subject matter specifically recited as a whole in each of those claims. These comments are being filed concurrently with payment of the Issue Fee.

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